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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 November 2007.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see page 6, filed 11/02/2007, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-26 under USC 102(b) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Rogers et al., Patent #5,946,386 because Rogers discloses the pending claims.

2. ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-26 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rogers, Patent #5,946,386

Regarding claims 1, 17, and 26 Rogers teaches a method, an apparatus(101 Fig.1), and an article of manufacture(101 Fig.1) for providing a notification of an event, said method and apparatus comprising : a memory and at least one processor(201 Fig.2), coupled to the memory, operative to: receive a communication(111/118 Fig.1 and col.26 lines 47-64); in response to said receipt of said communication, perform the following:

 determining an originating endpoint address on a network associated with said received communication(Fig.1, col.36 lines 33-45 and 56-62)

 identifying one or more designated persons that have been previously designated for said

originating endpoint address, wherein at least one of said designated persons is not a sender of said communication(Fig.1, col.26 line 47-col.27 line 15)

generate a notification message, and send said notification message to said one or more designated persons(101 Fig.1, col.26 lines 56-64 and col.38 lines 4-5).

Regarding claim 2, Rogers teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said notification message is provided to said one or more designated persons in accordance with preference information specified by each of said one or more designated persons(101 Fig.1, col.2 lines 21-26 and col.38 lines 10-18).

Regarding claim 3, Rogers teaches the method of claim 1, wherein content for said notification message is obtained substantially close in time to when said notification message is provided to said one or more designated persons(col.37 line 42-col.38 line 5).

Regarding claim 4, Rogers teaches the method of claim 2, wherein said preference information includes at least one media preference(col.28 lines 8-55).

Regarding claim 5, Rogers teaches the method of claim 2, wherein said preference information includes at least one human language type preference(col.28 lines 8-55).

Regarding claim 6, Rogers teaches the method of claim 1 wherein said endpoint is identified based on a telephone number of a calling party associated with said communication(col.3 lines 30-55).

Regarding claim 7, Rogers teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said endpoint is identified based on an address associated with said communication(Fig.1 and col.3 lines 52-64).

Regarding claim 8, Rogers teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said identifying, generating and sending steps are performed in response to said received communication being

placed to a specified telephone number(col.3 lines 15-23).

Regarding claim 9, Rogers teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said event is an emergency that has been reported to a receiver(col.3 lines 24-30).

Regarding claim 10, Rogers teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said event is a telephone call that has been placed to a help desk(101 Fig.1 is a help desk and col.3 lines 5-23).

Regarding claim 11, Rogers teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving at least one response to said notification message(col.26 line 56-col.27 line 34).

Regarding claim 12, Rogers teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving at least one status update from at least one of said one or more designated persons (col.27 lines 40-60).

Regarding claim 13, Rogers teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the step of dispatching an appropriate response to said communication(col.37 lines 8-18).

Regarding claim 14, Rogers teaches the method of claim 13, further comprising the step of receiving at least one status update from a person associated with said appropriate response(col.27 lines 5-60).

Regarding claim 15, Rogers teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the step of notifying at least one of said one or more designated persons of a status update(col.27 line 5-60).

Regarding claim 16, Rogers teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said notification message is provided to said one or more designated persons in accordance with a communication flow that describes whether each of said one or more designated persons is notified based on a response from one other of said one or more designated persons(col.26 line 46-col.27 line 60).

Regarding claim 18, Rogers teaches the apparatus of claim 17, wherein said notification

message is provided to said one or more designated persons in accordance with preference information specified by each of said one or more designated persons(col.26 line 46-col.27 line 60).

Regarding claim 19, Rogers teaches the apparatus of claim 17, wherein said endpoint is identified based on a telephone number of a calling party associated with said communication(col.3 lines 30-55).

Regarding claim 20, Rogers teaches the apparatus of claim 17, wherein said endpoint is identified based on an address associated with said communication(Fig.1 and col.3 lines 52-64).

Regarding claim 21, Rogers teaches the apparatus of claim 17 wherein said event is an emergency that has been reported to a receiver(Fig. 1 and col.3 lines 24-30).

Regarding claim 22, Rogers teaches the apparatus of claim 1.7, wherein said event is a telephone call that has been placed to a help desk(101 Fig.1 is a help desk and col.3 lines 5-23).

Regarding claim 23, Rogers teaches the apparatus of claim 1.7, wherein said processor is further configured to receive at least one response to said notification message(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 24, Rogers teaches the apparatus of claim 17, wherein said processor is further configured to receive at least one status update(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 25, Rogers teaches the apparatus of claim 17 wherein said processor is further configured to dispatch an appropriate response to said communication(col.37 lines 8-18).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph T. Phan whose telephone number is (571) 272-7544. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9am-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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